

squatters of london action paper

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Hambach Forest: On March 14th armed police and RWE employees surrounded the Meadow camp and launched a massive attack on the occupation. They proceeded to clear and broaden all main paths in the forest and destroy all tripods and barricades. The pigs and RWE scum then prevented any attempt at re-barricading. With all the roads cleared and usable for heavy machinery, the Hambach squatters have issued an urgent call out for solidarity. For more info visit <http://hambachforest.blogspot.de/>

THEY'VE GOT ALL THE SHIT! said a high court bailiff as they ripped the door off a Brixton squat - only to be met with solid resistance, a huge barricade and a hunch of angry squatters. People were woken at 7:30am to the war cry of 'BAILIFFS!' who had sledgehammered through the door but were repelled by the squatters and after a few attempts decided there was nothing they could do but fuck off. How many times have you heard 'you can't resist against high court bailiffs'? Well that's bollocks 'cos Brixton just fucking did!

WHO DO THEY THINK THEY'RE FOOLING, YOU? DBS Enforcement/D2 Group have been posting fake eviction notices on squats then not even showing up to their bullshit eviction dates. Don't be fooled by fake papers!!

GROW HEATHROW KEEPS GROWING Happy 6th Birthday to Grow Heathrow! Squatters celebrated six years of giving a fuck about the environment and fucking the airport with a weekend of workshops, partying and cake. Let's hope the upcoming eviction is resisted and there are many birthdays to come.

GABBA GETS THE GOODS A mob of people and a portable sound-system showed up at the copshop to support arrested squatters earlier this month. County-court bailiffs had arrived at a Peckham squat and were sent packing - but not until the pigs snatched some of our own. The bastards in blue did not appreciate the neo-Dutch gabba and released the squatters that night.

KILL BILL In the run up to the Kill the Housing Bill demo, the Radical Housing Network disrupted plans for a yuppie pop-up flower shop on Brompton Road in Kensington, squatting the place for a week's worth of workshops and talks against the Bill. The events proved almost as popular as the Kensington skips - including eviction resistance, solidarity film nights and Waitrose cheese and pickle sandwiches.

BAILIFFS KIDNAP CHICKEN Yorkley court land squat was brutally evicted and buildings illegally destroyed. Scumbag owner Brian Bennett paid workers to set trees and houses on fire and the bastards won't let squatters have their two cats and chicken. Locals have been supporting the squatters: some are even refusing to pay council tax to protest their money being used to fund the pigs who enabled the eviction. Squatters are camped out in the woods and have said: "We are many, we are strong and we are not going away".

St Denis: The Chez Desiree squat has come under sustained attack by the landlord's heavies. Over the past month and a half, squatters have faced repeated illegal eviction attempts, physical assaults, CS gassing, broken windows and death threats. A reminder that all landlords are (still) bastards.

Uraba antioqueño: In the district of Macondo de Turbo, families displaced by the armed conflict in Colombia were served eviction notices in an ongoing land grab by big business. Since the beginning of March, there have been violent clashes between those resisting and police. At least 14 people were injured and two bridges destroyed.

Montevideo: During the international week of action against the eviction of the autonomous social centre La Solidaria, a large group of people demonstrated in Montevideo's streets. The demo ended up in front of La Solidaria's doors. Chants and speeches called an end to evictions and a rejection of every authority!

Montreal: Over the past two months, anti-gentrification actions have spread through different neighbourhoods in the city causing 10 000s dollars worth of damages. Yuppie restaurants and shops have had their windows smashed and their façades covered in graffiti and paint.

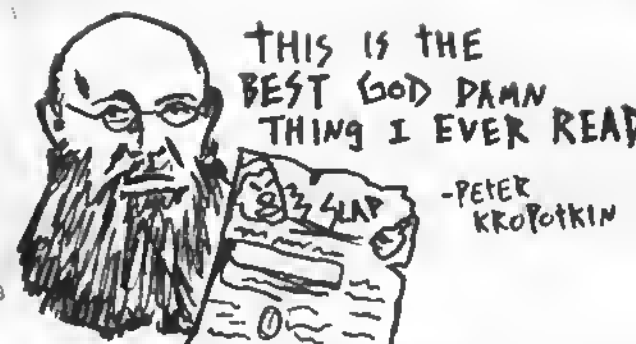
Athens: On March 13th the Vancouver Apartment squat was attacked by the local fascist group A.M.E. A Molotov was thrown against the door but it failed to set the squat on fire. Nobody was injured.

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because they sit on mountains of cameras, NUJ passes and criminalisation. Because they've told a million lies about squatting. Because class enemies are cosy with them. Because they value news over de-arrests. Because using journalism to "raise awareness" is patronising as fuck - do the poor not know they're poor yet? Because "breaking the story" is no solidarity by itself. Because squatting is not a drama on television. Because if we're trying to appeal to everyone, we'll end up appealing to no-one. Because we'd rather be angry than appealing. Because we've been doing better ourselves for years - writing in struggle because our lives are struggle and they are ours to write about. All journalists are bastards because they represent but have no common interest with us: because squatters have their own voices and we should settle for nothing less. Because squatting means fighting to tell our own story.

THIS MARCH IS GOING NOWHERE

Thousands of tenants, housing activists and squatters marched against the Housing Bill on Sunday March 13th. They marched with little chanting or effort to hold position or block roads. The police represent had little trouble controlling them. If those attending these marches really want to stop the Housing Bill, then actual resistance is needed. Direct actions, such as the flash pickets carried out at Camden Council offices, Foxtons and a Chelsea and Kensington councillor's home mount sustained pressure on the powers that be. With the first stage of the bill now passed, the report stage will begin again on April 11th, 13th and possible 20th. If defeated, it will be returned to the Commons in an effort to push it through once more. Beyond the large A-B rallies planned, local communities need to act directly against those who force their Tory will on the population. Picket your local council offices and politicians' homes, flash mob those businesses and property developers who will gain financially from the Bill. Killing the Housing Bill!



-PETER KROPOTKIN

BASTARD WATCH

Greg Clark

Communities Secretary and MP

This Rt Hon. right cunt introduced the Housing and Planning Bill, set to decimate social housing in the UK and remove barriers to private development. As if this wasn't enough to earn him a place in Bastard Watch, in his previous position as Secretary of State for Communities and Local Governments, he used his ministerial powers to override local planning committees and impose fracking on unwilling communities in Lancashire. Before becoming an MP, Clark worked as a consultant at Boston Consulting group, one of the international 'Big Three' business strategy firms, who have been accused of underhandedly pushing for public service closures in the US - eerily reminiscent of the plans set out in the Housing Bill. Clark is putting the tricks learned in his early career to good use. You can tell this bastard exactly what you think of him by emailing him at greg.clark@communities.gsi.gov.uk, or posting a "letter" to his office at the Department for Communities & Local Government, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

Lord Steve Bassam

Ex-squatter, remained silent on residential criminalisation.

What a surprise; another Labour member who has forgotten their roots. Once a squatter, now a Labour lord, Steve Bassam used to be involved in the Squatters Union of Brighton, standing 'shoulder-to-shoulder' with comrades to defend squats. However after ditching "professional squatting" for a life of parliamentary politics, in 2012 Bassam refused to lift a finger to fight the criminalisation of residential squatting. When asked about this obvious disconnect in values, Bassam responded 'Our campaign was largely directed at... persuading the council to make sure that they made better use of empty properties... What we cannot have is queue jumping and illegality.' Give this traitor a tweet [SteveTheQuip](https://twitter.com/SteveTheQuip).

GROUPS WORTH NOTICING

Advisory Service for Squatters

84b Whitechapel High Street
London E1 7QX, squatter.org.uk,
02032180099

Anti-Raids Network
network23.org/antiraid

Housing Action Southwark and Lambeth
housingactionsouthwarkandlambeth.wordpress.com
07741910627

Kilburn Unemployed Workers Group
kilburnunemployed.blogspot.co.uk

London Anarchist Black Cross
network23.org/londonabc

No Evictions London Squatters Network
07575013111

No Fixed Abode Anti-Fascists
nfaaf.wordpress.com

Squatters Legal Network
0792 576 9858

Squatting Europe Collective
sqek.squat.net

Squatters and Homeless Autonomy
fb.com/squatterhomelessautonomy

Squatters Action for Secure Homes
squashcampaign.org

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CORRODES ALL
VISIONARY THINKING
— MURRAY BOOKCHIN —



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ARCHIVE

Four years ago, in early March 2012, Brighton squatters who had occupied an old HSBC Bank were met with pig vans in a snappy state attempt to end the occupation.

A call-out for support was sent on the Squatters Network of Brighton (SNOB) and thirty people soon showed up, applying pressure to the mass of cops still present.

It turned out that the squatters were not bank robbers and the excitable coppers (who had claimed there were "special laws for living above a bank") were finally sent on their way.

Events

Last Friday monthly
Critical Mass bicycle-protest
6pm, Waterloo Bridge

March 29th
Scum dine with me
7pm, Hope and Anchor, 74
Crowndale Road, Camden

April 2nd
No Nazis in Dover! demo
Contact London Anti-Fascists for
details on coaches from London
londonantifascists.wordpress.com

April 2nd
Future Society Forum
2pm, DIY Space for London

April 2nd
Scumfuckery and Scumduggery:
SCUM TEK party, 9pm
Fb: SCUM TEK

April 3rd
'48stelle' film screening and
discussion on equatting
9pm, Silver Bullet, Station Place

April 5th
Fight the Racist Immigration Bill!
demo, 10:30am, UKBA Lunar
House, East Croydon

April 6th
Blockade the Rich
12pm, Aldgate tube station

April 13th
'The Rent Trap' talk
7pm, Housmans Bookshop,
King's Cross

April 14th
Housing rights in Barcelona and
London discussion, 7pm
Focus E15 space, 97 Aldworth
Road, Stratford, E15 4DN.

April 15th
March with the Homeless
6pm, 10 Downing Street

April 16th
Boats Are Homes demo,
NTBA
12:30pm, Gower Street

April 16th
NO JOBS BLOC at the March for
Health, Homes, Jobs and Education,
1pm

April 29th-30th
Love Sex/Hate Sexism Benefit
inc. Doom, Cress and The Mob
Boston Music Room

May 1st
FUCK Parade
6pm, One Commercial Street

News and events to
squatterslap@riseup.net

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Practical Squatting Nights
7pm, LARC, Whitechapel

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Practical Squatting Nights
7pm, 66a Infoshop,
Elephant and Castle

First Thursday monthly
Prisoner Letter-Writing Night
6pm, Freedom Bookshop